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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of accessibility requests filed in the Ministry under Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan/Accessible India Campaign during the last one year, State-wise;
(b) the number of requests that have been looked into and necessary arrangements for disabled made or directed at the concerned locations;
(c) the other Key achievements of the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan; and
(d) the funds spent in making public transport, bus stops and railway stations accessible for disabled and the goals set by the Ministry in continuing this project along with the funds required to do so?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (d): To successfully operationalize and create accessible environment, Government has launched a multi-sectoral "Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)" as a nation-wide flagship campaign for achieving universal accessibility for persons with disabilities. The Campaign focuses on three verticals, namely, built environment, public transportation and information and communication technology. The campaign is an ongoing process and is target specific, not State specific. The targets of the campaign include conducting access audit of government buildings, public transport and government's information communication technology and subsequent retrofitting by respective State/UTs within a specified time period. Key achievements under the Campaign include empanelment of access auditors, conducting access audit of identified buildings received from States/UTs, coordination with Ministries/Departments to achieve the targets of the Campaign, launch of Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disability and Elderly Persons, launch of Inclusiveness and Accessibility Index to measure inclusiveness and accessibility across different organizations and organizing sensitization/awareness programmes. Under SIPDA scheme, Rs.140.00 crores has been earmarked in financial year 2016-17 to achieve the objective and targets of the Campaign.

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